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## **Northern Right Whale Mandatory Reporting Requirements**

The WHALESOUTH Mandatory Ship Reporting (MSR) area will be activated on November 15, 2002 and continue through April 15, 2003. The geographical boundaries of the area will affect vessels making port calls in Jacksonville, Brunswick, and Fernandina. This area extends from the shoreline eastward and approximately 25 Nautical Miles north of St. Augustine to north of Brunswick, as illustrated on NOAA chart no. 11480. This is the only known calving ground of the endangered Northern Right Whale, of which there are only an estimated 300 remaining in existence.

All vessels greater than 300 GT are required to report the following information to the U S Coast Guard when they enter this area: 1) Vessel name, call sign, IMO number, and flag of vessel, 2) Date and time of message, 3) True course, 4) Speed, 5) Date and time of entry into area, 6) Destination and expected arrival time, and 7) Intended track to destination.

Additional information concerning the Mandatory Ship Reporting requirements can be found in 33 CFR 169.

Report this information via INMARSAT C to the following address:

Email: [RightWhale.MSR@noaa.gov](mailto:RightWhale.MSR@noaa.gov) or Telex: 236737831

Vessels not equipped with INMARSAT C should make reports via SITOR or HF to CAMSLANT. Vessels not equipped with SITOR or HF should make reports to Coast Guard Group via MF of VHF.

The information must be entered into the body of the message in the specified format – do not submit as an enclosure or an attachment. Failure to report the required information may result in civil penalties of up to \$27,500 per violation.

Agents and masters of vessels entering the ports of Fernandina, Jacksonville, and Brunswick should ensure that vessels entering the Mandatory Ship Reporting area make the required notifications. Any questions can be directed to LT Bill Weinbecker at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Jacksonville (904) 232-2640 X140.

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